

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A golf putterhead having a hosel connecting said putterhead to a golf shaft, a strikeface with an intended strikepoint, and a bottom sole, which said hosel extends generally horizontally forward 1/4 to 1 ball diameter from a location above the strikeface and is located approximately 1/2 ball diameter or more above the said intended strikepoint or 1 ball diameter or more which is above the horizontal sole plane, said hosel being in a vertical plane normal to the said strikeface, before connecting to a said golf shaft to the player side of and not in said hosel vertical hosel plane, in such a manner that said hosel having a top surface or markings thereon which serve as an unobstructed sight or aim line toward the intended target, while also said hosel also increasing the static balance moment of the putterhead about said shaft by increasing the distance between the putterhead center of mass and the shaft axis, said hosel may putterhead also having a extend rearward hosel extension in the same vertical plane at the same or differing top surface elevation of said hosel up to a distance rearward from said putterface not exceeding the face width of said putterhead, said rearward hosel extension substantially lengthening said sight or aim line.
2. (Original) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein said hosel extends forward from the strikeface approximately 1/4 to 1/2 a ball diameter.
3. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein ~~said forward extending hosel a forward section of said hosel~~ or a bent shaft bend section at or near the forward end of said hosel extends 1/4 to 1 ball diameter in a direction generally normal to said vertical hosel plane towards the golfer in such a manner as to not visually distract from or interrupt the said sight or aim line formed by such said hosel top surface or markings and such that said normal bent shaft or hosel ~~extension~~ section does not substantially

reduce the golfer's view of the ball and wherein said ~~forward hosel and said normal hosel extension or normal bent shaft or hosel section~~ is arranged such that a putter with such putterhead is statically faced balanced by having the shaft axis intersecting the vertical center line plane normal to the strikeface at approximately the same elevation as the clubhead center of gravity.

4. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein ~~the upper~~ said top surface or markings of said ~~forward or said hosel extending generally horizontally forward and said rearward or both~~ hosel extensions have an aim line of 0.025 to 0.5 inch width on the upper horizontal portion or central portion thereof with any remaining portion thereof visible from above by the golfer, being of a differing or contrasting color or finish.
5. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 4 wherein said aim line ~~of said hosel extensions~~ is black or other dark finish while any remaining portion of said hosel ~~extensions and that portion of any normal hosel extension or bent shaft section~~ lying above a golf ball contacting the intended strikepoint of said putterhead, has a white or light finish such that it visually blends in with a golf ball centered under said ~~forward hosel extension extending generally horizontally forward~~.
6. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim ~~5~~ 1 wherein that portion of said ~~normal hosel extension or bent shaft section~~ or at least the bottom portion of the club shaft connecting to it or both, which are not over a golf ball contacting the intended strikepoint, are finished or colored dull green or another dark ~~or~~ non-reflective color such that these said hosel or shaft sections are less visible and blend into the grass background when viewed by a golfer from above.

7. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 used in conjunction with a golf ball marked with a dark line of a width approximately the width of said hosel ~~sight or~~ aim line, along a portion of the ball's circumference or equator, which line the golfer aims at the target.
8. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein the weight of said rearward ~~sight-line~~ ~~hosel~~ extension is reduced via one or more holes or apertures, the use of light weight materials, the use of thin section materials or combinations thereof.
9. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein the moment of inertia about the putterhead's center of gravity is increased by placing a major or majority portion of the putterhead's weight within 3 or more locations ~~of a~~ within a mass ring located between 75% and 100% of the ~~said putterhead's~~ maximum horizontal distance from said putterhead center of gravity.
10. (Currently Amended) The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein at least the forward most portion of said ~~forward~~ hosel extension or the lower shaft section proximate to it is made of or weighted with a heavy metal such as tungsten or lead to increase the ~~said~~ putterhead's moment of inertia.
11. (New) The putterhead of Claim 5 wherein those putterhead surfaces within approximately one golf ball radius of the center of said aim line visible to a golfer from above are of white or light surface finish providing a sighting field while those remaining user visible putter surfaces more remote are of contrasting dark, black or green finish reducing their optical visibility.